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Friday, October 24 2003

Chairman Michael K. Powell
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Chairman Powell,

As a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am gravely concerned that a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

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There are already laws that make it illegal to copy and resell copyrighted material. People wish to circumvent the law will find a way to bypass the protection bit. You will only be punishing the law-abiding citizens who wish to make personal use of said material.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Miller
3496 Scotts Mill Run
Duluth, GA 30096

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Washington, DC 20554

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As a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am gravely concerned that a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

I am technically sophisticated (as a practicing computer engineer), and resent the implications of the "broadcast flag" for restricting my fair use (as defined by legislation) of television broadcast content.

Using existing technology, I can record TV to watch later (I'm a ReplayTV fan); mix short TV clips into digital home movies; email a clip of my child's band or orchestra concert to his grandparents; or record a TV program onto a DVD and play it at my friend's apartment. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove this control and flexibility that I enjoy.

I have no intention of investing in "new" but less capable equipment.

As a citizen and consumer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital transition by opposing the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

George F. Rice
2606 Ridgemoor Court
Arlington, TX 76016

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My own note: I wish to point out that television is, in actuality, a means of advertising and commerce. If, by allowing this "Broadcast Flag" or any other regulation like it, watching television become more difficult then I will simply watch less television. That means I will spend less on my digital television delivery (ie. cable or satellite) and I will be viewing fewer of the advertisements that drive television.

If television is not useful to me as a consumer, then I will consume less of it. Please keep this in mind when you consider your upcoming vote.

Sincerely,

Chad Causey
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Carrollton, TX 75006

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Our country is still "We, The People," a democracy, not a capital-driven economy.

Sincerely,

Bob Bushnell
59 Eight Mile Lane
Polson, MT 59860

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Further, the broadcast flag seems to require the use of closed-source, proprietary software to view and manipulate digital programs. This restriction further stifles innovation.

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Yours,

Judd Rogers

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1620 Maize Bend Dr
Austin, TX 78727

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Dear Chairman Powell,

Over the past decade I have seen significant changes made to the way the government has helped promote the position of the large content providers in this country. I believe in a free market and do not agree with the wholesale piracy of the content provided by these entities.

However, little has been done to let these corporations know what the consumers want. As always, technologies like this one will not prevent the large-scale theft of content. Rather, this will hinder the average individual and their family. Technology like this will be used to prevent the common consumer from time-shifting their viewing or preserving it for even longer term viewing later.

Ultimately, the invisible hand of the market will decide the outcome of today's restrictive rights management technologies. However, as a consumer I do not enjoy being force fed technologies like this one that has a winner-take-all outcome. The airwaves used to be considered free to anyone who could tune in to them. This led to one of the roles of the FCC, to maintain a certain decency on those waves. Adding a flag to the signal to indicate that it can't be reproduced indicates an ownership of that signal, an idea that I do not support as an American tax payer.

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Bryan Rink
455 Dan pl
Smyrna, GA 30082

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Dear Chairman Powell,

Dear FCC: You are probably getting a lot of these cookie cutter messages. I would like to say that I completely agree with the objections being voiced. I'd like to add the thought that if you're renting parts of the frequency spectrum to these large interests and allowing them to broadcast, while limiting other broadcasts, we ought to consider that content public property. I'm not saying that they should be forced to give up their copyrights, but they shouldn't interfere with our fair use right to view, record or replay what we receive over the airways. We're being bombarded with it whether we like it or not. Broadcast TV has always been free (other than the commercials) and it should remain so.

Here's the rest of that message for you to read again:

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Jenni Campbell

Orem, UT 84057

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18011 O Hara Dr.
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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Samuel Andrew Maine
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Jackson, TN 38305

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Aloha, Melvin Ah Ching Honolulu HI 96814

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1560 Kanunu St. #816
Honolulu, HI 96814

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I want to be able to interpolate and converge technologies. The broadcast flag regulation will destroy that ability. It will unfairly give Microsoft a huge advantage over open-source operating system. How can an open-source operating system incorporate this regulation?

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As a citizen and a current digital viewer, I urge you to oppose the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

Jason Sheldon
144 Parnassus Ave
San Francisco, CA 94117

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Sincerely,

Robin Kirmeier
St. Cloud
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

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Ballwin, MO 63021

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Joseph E. Copeland
380 Riverside Drive #4L
New York, NY 10025

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As a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, and Satellite, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am gravely concerned that a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

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James Ganley
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Blairstown, NJ 07825

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Dear Chairman Powell,

As a consumer of broadcast television and related electronics, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag."

I am very concerned about the fair-use implications of the broadcast flag. It is absolutely vital for my television enjoyment that I be able to time-shift broadcast shows via either DVR or VCR/DVD. The broadcast flag, even if not used unfairly, will severely hamper that ability by requiring special-purpose DTV devices. But I am even more concerned that it will NOT be used fairly--that more and more shows will be blocked from any recording AT ALL. The MPAA clearly doesn't want the old fair-use rules applied to digital TV--if they are allowed to control what can or cannot be recorded, even once, they WILL stop the consumer from recording--period. It is NOT the professional pirate the MPAA means to stop--THEY won't be stopped by such means--it is the end consumer.

The move to digital television is already dragging. The general public isn't convinced yet of the benefits of switching at all. Complicating the choice still further by forcing the use of broadcast flags and other means to hamper or prevent the simple ability to record shows for private use could have major impact on the transition. I urge you to promote our digital future by opposing the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

Jud Hardcastle
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Dallas, TX 75229

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You are there to serve the US people not special interest groups who want to control us and force more money into their pockets.

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Dear Chairman Powell,

Please do not require that electronic hardware, and associated software "honor" the broadcast flag.

After seeing how the industries used the DCMA it is clear that if you allow the copyright holders to control the specifications of such faintly related hardware as PC's that might be used in media centers and software such as LINUX it will be a mistake.

I would like copyright owners to be able to control their content but not at the cost of killing our electronic industry.

Thank you

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Furthermore, being a second-shift worker, I am unable to watch most primetime TV when it airs, thus forcing me to record most TV shows that I like for viewing later. If I am unable to "time-shift" my programming, I will have no choice but to simply give it up all together.

Sincerely,

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